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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 27-Aug-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 08/27/05	PREVIOUS WEEK 08/20/05
Broiler/fryer	169,236	168,293
Light hens	1,469	1,288
Heavy hens	1,535	1,708

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 17-Aug-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	269	0	269
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	240	0	240
Same week yr ago	123	0	123
To-date/2005	8,544	37	8,581
To-date/2004	7,956	90	8,046

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,571	1,712	3,283
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,427	1,720	3,147
Same week yr ago	1,780	1,298	3,078
To-date/2005	58,144	47,113	105,257
To-date/2004	52,887	43,642	96,529

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 20-AUGUST-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	167,810	1,302	1,712	3,014
Avg Wt	5.23	3.39	8.03	6.03
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	168,700	1,187	1,720	2,907
Same wk yr ago	163,809	1,657	1,298	2,955
Avg Wt	5.18	3.20	8.41	5.49
To-date/2005	5,316,814	49,600	47,076	96,676
To-date/2004	5,146,848	44,931	43,552	88,483

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 169.8 million head or 3.0 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 06-Aug-05

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	28,338	24,821	50,352
Avg Weight	3.79	4.73	6.39
% of total /1	27%	24%	49%
Last week	29,335	24,031	43,556
Avg Weight	3.69	4.85	6.39
% of total /1	30%	25%	45%
Same week, yr ago /2	24,725	21,139	50,540
Avg Weight	3.72	4.70	6.29
% of total /1	26%	22%	52%
To date/2005	857,295	699,223	1,508,188
To date/2004	820,276	678,156	1,393,904

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 20-AUG-05
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,929	2,691	19	1	4,640
Avg Wt	15.68	35.21	25.64	42.67	27.05
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,000	2,603	37	3	4,643
Same wk yr ago	1,760	2,647	85	13	4,505
Avg Wt	15.65	35.49	22.62	23.63	27.46
To-date/2005	57,135	84,428	782	122	142,467
To-date/2004	57,081	83,682	1,662	252	142,677

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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